This letter will be known from you by our friends & Brooklyn Friends - they are Sisters & daughters of the Society of Friends & Abolitionists & Advocates of the A.S. Cause.

Maria Weston Chapman
& Elizabeth Pease

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Dear friend,

I hasten to take advantage of a opportunity to discharge a duty devolving on me as one of the managers of our Fair last year. It is to transmit you the steel head bag, which a large number of us united to purchase, not for any great use or value we expected it to be to you, but as an expression of our gratitude for your unwearied interest in the cause, & in our operations for its advancement.

The difficulties in our Boston Female A.S. Society have at length come to an end. My commiseration is great for those poor women who have been so used by the recreant ministers in whom they confided. Their case is worse, than I could have previously imagined. I thought them simply betrayers of the cause; but their course has been characterised by the grossest dishonesty. To conceal this, they called in from the pro-slavery churches, sister church-members, who have never pretended to be Abolitionists, to vote the Society dissolved! Having done this, we were left, 120 members. A larger number of active, working

haste I am yours faithfully & affectionately Maria W. Chapman.

members than we have ever before had.

The opposition formed a new society, of 32 members, called the "Massachusetts Female Emancipation Society," and these dishonest Snipes Ball, by whom we have been so much duped, are the main movers - Snip M. V. Ball being made Foreign Cor. Sec.

You will have seen in the Liberator the testimony, in proof of their dishonesty, about votes. But what will you think on learning, that, on the morning of the day on which they had planned & hoped to extinguish the society, even with the resolution to that effect drawn up, in their pockets, they traversed the city collecting subscriptions to constitute new members!

But I will not dwell on these mortifying annelopements. I think it my duty to tell exactly what they are, that when you have given letters from any of them as you doubtless will, you may be aware of their hypocrisy as abolitionists and their want of integrity as women. If the Rev. Amos A. Phelps, or Rev. Nathaniel Colver should be in London at the grand congress, their efforts will be used to screen the characters of these women, should any enquiry be made of them, for they are members of their churches, & tools in their hands.

We have appointed Mr Adams a delegate from the Massachusetts Anti Slavery Society,

& are trying to raise something towards paying his passage. Oh that our ability were equal to our wishes to serve the B. I. cause.

We are at work in our Boston *Female Society (which phrase I wish were a choicer one — A. S. Soc. of Boston women, for example) for the fair; — in petitioning; — & in all the various ways we have heretofore found efficacious, with more vigour than ever. I trust our stripe there has ended, & that we shall find once more a field of labour there instead of a battle-field. We shall issue a second number of the Liberty Bell. Let me beg you to give it aid by writing something — ever so short, if time should be wanting. a page or even a sentence or aphorism will be most grateful to us.

You will see our Dear friend, Lucretia Mott I trust. I believe George Thompson knew her. She has recently been a sufferer in the cause from the rage of a mob, though fortunately she received no personal injury. She is a woman of a thousand, & I do hope you will become acquainted with her. I meant to have said what fills my mind respecting the sublime British Emancipation movement, in some poem which might possibly operate to convince the minds of some who hesitate to put their strength to urge it onward; but an overwhelming pressure of unexpected labour for the cause here, will prevent me, at least for the present. Pardon so rude a letter as this. It is occasioned partly by fatigue — partly by the idea that you will learn all that I could tell you, better by the words of those friends whom you

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* We cannot change it now, even it were best at any other time to do so because it would give credence to the idea that we had undergone some change of principle or conviction.

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will do shortly see, than pour any thing, which I might write. Let it suffice at present to say that our courage never was higher — our prospects are daily enlarging — our hopes becoming stronger. Other Legislatures will shortly be following the example of our own, in Massachusetts — Congress — the nations are shaken — and if the abolitionists have but the ~~patience~~, the patience — the resolution the fortitude

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to keep on as they have begun — influencing the politicks of the country without running into its maanes — raising the weight they would remove by a lever, instead of grappling with its ponderousness with their unassisted hands, all will go well with the nation. With the cause of Freedom & Emancipation all must go well, in any event. But I would fain have the work wrought bloodlessly, & by the might of religious principle. In